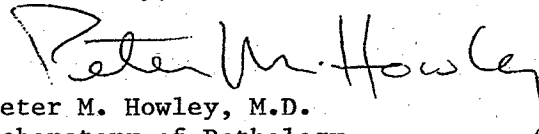


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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Peter M. Howley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Howley" clearly legible. The middle initial "M." is written in a smaller, more compact script.

Peter M. Howley, M.D.
Laboratory of Pathology

Bernard N. Fields, M.D.
Harvard Medical School

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Dr. Sheldon Sommers
Council for Tobacco Research, USA, Inc.
900 3rd Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Charlie:

Bernard N. Fields, Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Harvard Medical School and I have been elected Chairman and Vice-chairman of the 1985 Animal Cells and Viruses Gordon Conference. We are in the process of attempting to raise money in support for this Gordon Conference.

The Gordon Conference on Animal Cells and Viruses has been held annually since 1967. The emphasis of the conference alternates between cells and viruses. The meeting, to be held on June 17-21, 1985, will emphasize molecular aspects of animal virology and will be held at the Tilton School, Tilton, New Hampshire. The meeting convenes 150 international scientists in an atmosphere which encourages a great deal of informal discussion on recent data. Discussion is frequently focused on the interrelationships between the different subjects presented in each session to promote an integrated theme to the meeting. The tradition of free exchange of unpublished work precludes publication of the meeting's proceedings. Selection of attendees will be based upon criteria which create representation of foreign and American researchers, senior investigators, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students.

During the last few years, new approaches have become available for studying virtually all aspects of animal virology including virus host interaction, virus replication and expression, virus oncology and persistence. One major focus of the meeting this year will be on malignant transformation by viruses and oncogenes.

A fixed registration fee is \$240 per person and is inclusive of all expenses (except travel) for the entire meeting. Support for the meeting is sought to offset the registration fee expenses of the invited speakers and to assist in providing travel funds for the speakers. I am enclosing a tentative program for the meeting. You will note that several laboratories receiving CTR support are represented on the list. I believe each of the sessions planned for this conference involve topics which are of central interest to the CTR. We would like to request support in the amount of \$3,000 for this meeting, in order that we may make commitments to individuals key to the success of this conference. Funds should be administered through:

Dr. Alexander Cruickshank
Director, Gordon Research Conferences
Pastore Chemical Laboratory
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881
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OK with me.
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Motion passed
by CTR-Exec Committee
9/20/84 to approve
\$3,000.
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